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AMENDMENT A

GROUP 3600

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2002. Please amend the Application as follows:

In the Drawings:

Please amend Figures 4 and 5 as shown in red on the attached sheets.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure 5 shows a second embodiment of a clip 100". The clip 100" shows an alternative biasing member 116" and lip stop 130". The biasing member 116" is coupled to the ends of upper portions 106" and 108". Coupled to the biasing member 116" is a pair of protrusions 150A" and 150B". The protrusions 150A" and 150B" form an opening 150". The opening 150" provides a convenient coupling location for a rope. When a force is exerted upward on the coupled rope, the force urges the upper portion 106" and 108" away from each other which urges

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